

Dear Legislators,

I am writing to express my opposition to H.B. 5653. Ammunition is already expensive and taxed heavily. In today's economy, it is already difficult to afford the cost of training. Increasing the tax will only make it harder for law-abiding citizens to train to safely use their firearms.

Furthermore, it would worsen the economic disparity of the second amendment in Connecticut. The high cost of licensing, training, and current ammunition taxes make it harder for lower-income individuals to exercise their second amendment rights. Wealthy people will not be affected by an increased tax, but those with less financial means certainly will. It is not fair or right that only those with more wealth can afford to exercise a constitutional right.

Please oppose this bill.

Thank you,

Nathan Rumpf

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